

REMARKS

By this Preliminary Amendment applicant has amended the specification by incorporating appropriate section titles. An Abstract of the Disclosure has also been added. The added abstract is supported by the abstract of the International Application to which the present national application claims priority. A copy of the abstract is also attached hereto on a separate sheet of paper. Original claims 1-25 have been cancelled and new claims 26-50 added. New claims 26-50 are supported by the specification and claims as originally filed. As such, applicant respectfully submits that the amendment to the specification and the claims do not introduce new matter, and entry thereof is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, claims 26-50 are presented for the Examiner's consideration on the merits.

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Respectfully submitted,



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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The disclosure relates to a portable apparatus for decontaminating an enclosed room or other space which includes a passageway having an air inlet at one end and an outlet at the other end. A pump causes a flow of air through the passageway from the inlet to the outlet. A heater heats the air flowing through the passageway to a predetermined temperature, a flash evaporator being in communication with the passageway. Liquid decontaminant is pumped from a supply of decontaminant to the evaporator to be evaporated and for the evaporant to be delivered to the air flow in the passage to flow in the air flow from the outlet to the rooms to be decontaminated. A universally rotating nozzle is provided at the outlet to distribute the decontaminant containing air throughout the enclosure.